



GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



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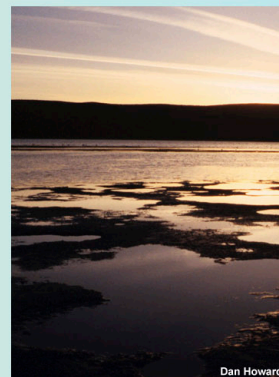
Coastal beaches
Rocky intertidal
Mud & tidal flats
Salt marsh
Esteros
Pelagic, open ocean
Deep benthos, continental shelf and slope



Dan Howard



Joe Heath



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Key Species

Dungeness crab
California gray whale
Stellar sea lion
Common Murre
Ashy Storm-petrel



Gulf of the Farallones NMS



Jan Roletto



Bob Wilson

Astonishing Facts

Gulf of the Farallones sits outside a population of nearly eight million people. Balancing conservation with human issues is a challenge.

The Sanctuary provides valuable habitat and food for 26 federally listed endangered or threatened species, including Marbled Murrelets and the leatherback sea turtle.





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Astonishing Fact

Gulf of the Farallones has one of the highest concentrations of white sharks in the world, concentrating around pinniped rookeries on the Farallon Islands and Point Reyes.



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Mike Falzone



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*Sanctuary designation
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